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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): A stable pharmaceutical composition comprising about 1 wt. % to about 80 wt. % of quinapril ~~an ACE inhibitor~~ or a pharmaceutical acceptable salt thereof, about 1 wt. % to about 70 wt. % of an alkali or alkaline earth metal carbonate, and about 1 wt. % to about 80 wt. % of a low-substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose, wherein ~~the ACE inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of quinapril, enalapril, spirapril, ramipril, perindopril, indolapril, lisinopril, alacepril,trandolapril, benazapril, libenzapril, delapril, cilazapril and combinations thereof;~~ wherein ~~the formation of an internal cyclization product, and/or ester hydrolysis product, and/or oxidation product, has been reduced or eliminated,~~ and the weight percents are based on the total weight of the pharmaceutical composition.
2. (canceled).
3. (currently amended): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the quinapril ~~ACE inhibitor~~ is quinapril hydrochloride.
4. (currently amended): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the amount of quinapril ~~the ACE inhibitor~~ or a pharmaceutical acceptable salt thereof is from about 5 wt. % to about 50 wt. %, based on the total weight of the pharmaceutical composition.
5. (currently amended): The composition according to Claim 4, wherein the amount of quinapril ~~the ACE inhibitor~~ or a pharmaceutical acceptable salt thereof is from about 10 wt. % to about 15 wt. %, based on the total weight of the pharmaceutical composition.
6. (original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the alkali metal is selected from the group consisting of lithium, sodium, potassium, rubidium, cesium and francium.
7. (original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the alkaline earth metal is selected from the group consisting of magnesium, calcium, barium, strontium and radium.
8. (original): The composition according to Claim 7, wherein the alkaline earth metal is magnesium.